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SUBJECT: MOLDOVA UNABLE TO RELEASE HELICOPTERS FOR PAKISTAN

REF: STATE 55654

(SBU) In response to reftel request to contact host government regarding air assets for Pakistan, we contacted Ministry of Defense (MOD) officials on June 2, 2009. The MOD noted that six of their helicopters are now in Afghanistan under civilian contract, and the remaining two are required in Moldova for VIP travel and disaster response.

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